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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): MIURA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/254,939 ✓

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
HAVING TRENCH ELEMENT SEPARATION STRUCTURE

Group: 2814

Examiner: A. Mai

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 28, 2001

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed August 28, 2001. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

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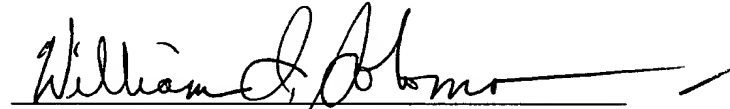
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It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.36904X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William I. Solomon", is written over a horizontal line.

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